

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace the previous version, and the listing of claims:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) An X-ray equipment ~~according to claim 1~~ comprising:

a carriage,
an X-ray tube mounted on the carriage for irradiating X-rays,
a cassette storage box pivotally attached to the carriage for
storing a cassette with a radiographic storage medium,
storage box locking means engaging the cassette storage box
for locking the cassette storage box in a locked state, and
locking release holding means attached to the storage box locking means
for holding the storage box locking means in a released state so that the
storage box locking means is released from the locked state,

wherein said locking release holding means includes an elastic member for urging the storage box locking means in the locked state when the storage box locking means is locked, and for urging the storage box locking means in the released state when the storage box locking means is released.

10. (previously presented) An X-ray equipment according to claim 9, wherein said locking release holding means further includes means for limiting movement of the storage box locking means between a release position and a lock position of the storage box.